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1. FRED EMERY UNDER WASHINGTON DATELINE MAY 18 WRITES IN TIMES TODAY THAT PRESIDENT FORD'S THEME FOR THE NATO SUMMIT MEETING WILL BE THE NEED FOR NATO GOVERNMENTS TO LOOK BEYOND THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE AND COORDINATE THEIR APPROACHES ACROSS THE WIDEST POSSIBLE RANGE OF FOREIGN POLICY. WHILE THE SUMMIT IS SEEN IN WASHINGTON AS A PSYCHOLOGICAL RALLYING OF THE WEST, MORE IS NEEDED EMERY WRITES. PRESIDENT FORD IS REPORTEDLY PLANNING TO TRY GETTING EVERYONE TO BREAK OUT OF THE NATO CONFINES AND THE MIDDLE EAST IS MENTIONED AS AN AREA WHERE HE MIGHT SAY THE WEST MUST DO BETTER TOGETHER. ACCORDING TO EMERY, WASHINGTON IS ALSO THINKING ABOUT A CAUCUS OF NATO MEMBERS AT THE UNITED NATIONS. IT IS SUGGESTED, HE REPORTS, THAT NATO GOVERNMENTS OUGHT NOT IN THE US VIEW TO SHY AWAY FROM BEING SEEN TO BE ON THE SAME SIDE
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ON NON-NATO ISSUES. WHILE US RELATIONS WITH WESTERN

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EUROPE ARE FELT IN WASHINGTON TO BE AS GOOD AS THEY HAVE EVERY BEEN, A RESUMPTION OF THE ATTEMPT, EMERY WARNS, MAY REVIVE THE OLD QUARRELS BUT THAT IS GOING TO BE RISKED. HE ADDS THAT AT THE SUMMIT BOTH PORTUGAL AND SPAIN ARE GOING TO BE CONTROVERSIAL TOPICS.

2. THUS FAR WE HAVE HAD ONLY ONE INQUIRY FROM THE FOREIGN OFFICE FOR OUR VIEWS OF EMERY'S REPORT. THIS SOURCE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT IF THE US WAS IN FACT PLANNING TO SEEK TO COORDINATE WESTERN POLICY ON NON-NATO ISSUES, THERE BE ADEQUATE CONSULTATION BEFORE ANY SUCH INITIATIVE WAS LAUNCHED. WE HAVE REPLIED TO THIS INQUIRY THAT WE ARE NOT AWARE OF INITIATIVES SUCH AS THOSE DESCRIBED IN THE EMERY STORY. ANY FURTHER GUIDANCE WASHINGTON MAY WISH TO PROVIDE WOULD BE HELPFUL.

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